2.13 ORISSA
1979-80

2.13.1 Administration : Shri M.P.Dash continued to be the Superintendent of Archives during the period under report.

2.13.2 Budget : During 1979-80, a sum of Rs.1,92,650 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs.2,33,000 on the non-plan side and a sum of Rs.4,23,223 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs.4,50,000 on the plan side. For 1980-81 a provision of Rs.2,37,469 was made on non-plan budget while Rs.2,11,000 on the plan side.

2.13.3 Building : As reported earlier the State Archives has its own multistoried building.

2.13.4 Record Management : The Department received lists of 'B' & 'C' class papers from all the district and subordinate offices for necessary scrutiny and selection of records to be transferred to State Archives for permanent preservation. While reviewing the papers the Orissa Record Manual, 1964 was followed.

2.13.5 Research and Reference: 116 scholars availed themselves of the research facilities provided by the Department and 1,489 loose sheets, 674 volumes, 16 files and 2 maps were requisitioned by them.

2.13.6 Reference Media : Preparation of descriptive lists of Board of Revenue records were continued. 150 Persian records were deciphered. Decipherment and preparation of subject lists of Oriental records were in progress.

2.13.7 Publication Programme : Guide to Orissa Records volume VIII was sent for publication. A small brochure on the aim, object and activities of Orissa State Archives was published and circulated during the period under report.

2.13.8 Preservation of Records: 87,732 sheets were flattened, 15,095 and 7,354 sheets repaired with tissue papers and acetate foil respectively and 28,116 sheets guarded. 62 books, 62 volumes, 14 registers and 41 newspapers guarded and stitched. These apart, 62 books, 91 volumes, 14 registers and 44 newspapers volumes were bound.

2.13.9 Photo-Duplication : The State Archives does not have its own microfilming unit.

2.13.10 Library : 3,970 books and reports were acquired during the period under report.

2.13.11 Other Activities: The International Archives Week was celebrated from 23rd to 29th October, 1979. On this occasion an exhibition of interesting historical documents was organised in the State Archives. A radio talk on the Importance of Archives was delivered by the Superintendent of Archives. Articles on "Importance and Utility of Archives" were published in all the Oriya dailies.

Four trainees sponsored by the Institute of Archival Training, National Archives of India, were imparted practical training during the period under report.